Services or filled by recruitment through the Union Public Service Commission. All posts of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Government of India may be filled on tenure deputation from the All India Services and Group *A* Central Civil Services participating in the Central Staffing Scheme excluding such posts of Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary as are filled by officers of the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) in accordance with the rules of CSS. Appointments under the Scheme are made by borrowing officers from the various services for a stipulated tenure on deputation.

(b) and (c) The appointments requiring the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet are listed in Annexure-I to the First Schedule of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules 1961, as amended from time to time. Approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet is required for appointments of officers to posts of the rank of Secretaries to Government of India and above.

Successful IAS Candidates

†3743. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the average annual number of candidates selected for the Indian Administrative Services in the country;

(b) the average number of retiring IAS officers during the last few years in the country; and

(c) the number of retired officers reappointed in the administrative services during the last two years?

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† Origmal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The number of candidates selected for Indian Administrative Service during the period from 1996 to 2000 is given below:—

1996 – 80
1997 – 76
1998 – 55
1999 – 55
2000 – 56

(b) The number of IAS officers who retired during the period from 1996 to 2000 is given below:—

1996 – 233
1997 – 222
1998 – 85
1999 – 25
2000 – 148

(c) During the financial year 1998-99 and 1999-2000, no retired I.A.S. officer has been re-appointed in the administrative services. However, one I.A.S. officer has been appointed on contract basis in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India w.e.f. 1.2.2001 until further orders after his retirement from Government service.

Steps to contain corruption

3744. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CVC has expressed that the existing provisions in the Prevention of Corruption Act are too week to contain corruption;

(b) if so, whether the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act would be stengthened to book the guilty;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what other steps Government propose to take to check corruption in the country?

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